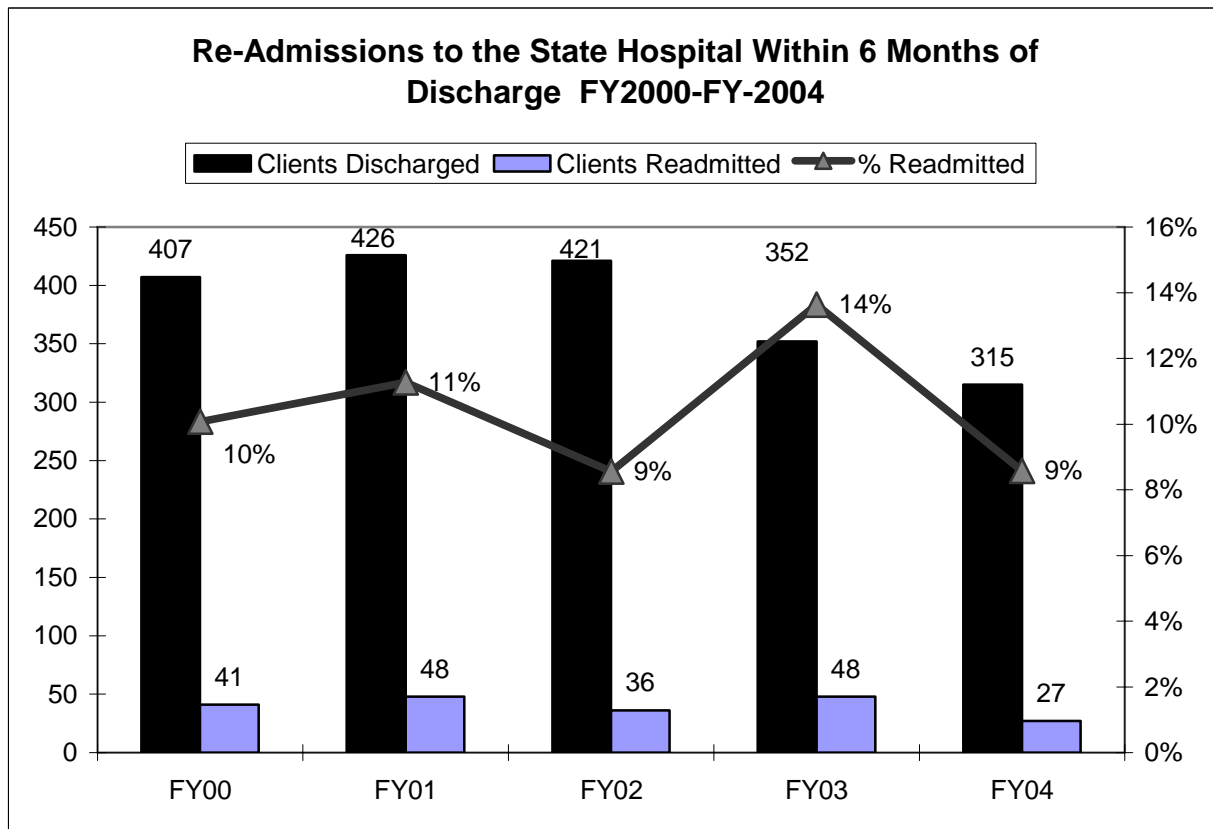


CLIENTS RE-ADMITTED TO THE UTAH STATE HOSPITAL WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF DISCHARGE

Source: Utah State Hospital, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health



Definition: The number of all mental health patients discharged from the State Hospital who return to the State Hospital within six months of discharge as a percent of all patients discharged from the State Hospital during that year.

Analysis: Focusing on reducing client length-of-stay at mental health facilities across the country can encourage facilities to release mental health patients before they are ready. Changing the focus to reviewing re-admission rates indicates whether mental health facilities are providing the appropriate level and length of services to ensure their clients can adequately function in the community with appropriate

supports. The low re-admission rate indicates that the State Hospital and the community mental health centers are effective in assessing and addressing patient symptoms. Although admission rates have fluctuated, each year's readmission rate is among the lowest in the nation based on preliminary statistics.

Future Actions: The utilization review and executive committees are examining possible underlying issues and results from other states. They will continue to carefully monitor individual cases.